

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**Page 1:**

Please amend the fifth full paragraph as follows:

A pharmaceutical composition of *Epimedium* extracts comprise flavones and polysaccharides in ratios varied from 2:8 to 8:2 by weight which are used in the treatment of prostatic hyperplasia. Total flavones of the extracts are in the range of 20-90% by weight and the molecular weights of extracted polysaccharides vary from 1,000 to 700,000 Daltons.

Page 2:

Please amend the second full paragraph as follows:

The method of extracting *Epimedium* herb comprises:

Extract *Epimedium* herb with 60-95% organic solvent. Recover the organic solvent from the filtrate. Add onto the Absorptive Resin (D₁₀₁ or D₁₄₀) Column, and then wash the column with water. Elute the column with 30-85% ethanol and remove the eluent by suction filtration. Collect all the eluent and evaporate to dryness. Total flavones in the residue are about 20-90% by weight.

Please amend the sixth full paragraph as follows:

Following the *Epimedium* extraction procedure described, the total flavones extract comprises 10-90% by weight of *Epimedium* icariin and icariin I. Following the *Epimedium* polysaccharides extraction protocol, the crude polysaccharides is redissolved in water. Add sufficient quantity of ethanol to make up the final concentration of 70-85%. Stand still for a while and harvest the refined polysaccharides by filtration. The molecular weight of polysaccharides lies within 45,000 to 620,000 Daltons.

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Please amend the fifth full paragraph as follows:

Extract *Epimedium* leaf powder with 60-95% organic solvent 1-4 times and not exceeding 6-10ml/g each time. The total extraction time is 1-3 hours. Filter the extract by a suction filtration and add onto a resin column (D₁₀₁ or D₁₄₀). Wash the resin column with water thoroughly, and then elute the column with 30-85% ethanol. Collect all the eluent, recover ethanol by suction filtration and dry to crude flavones (A). The crude flavones extract (A) contains 20-90% flavones by weight. [[and]] wherein 10-90% by weight of the flavones are icariin and icarin I.

Page 6:

Please amend the second full paragraph as follows:

Epimedium extracts are prepared from the dried aerial part of *Epimedium brevicornum*, *Epimedium sagittatum*, *Epimedium pubescens*, *Epimedium wushanense* or *Epimedium koreanum*. 500g of herb to be extracted in accordance with the method mentioned above. The content of flavones is about 20-90% by weight. The yield of each species is as follow: